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SUBJECT: CCMS - INTERNATIONAL RESOLUTION ON ROAD SAFETY

REF: A) PARIS 27279; B) STATE 207388

1. UPON RECEIPT REF A, EMBASSY PASSED TEXT OF US COM-
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PROMISE PARAGRAPH 1 (PARA 7, REF B) TO OFFICIALS OF FRG

FOREIGN OFFICE AND INTERIOR MINISTRY. BOTH IMMEDIATELY EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR US EFFORT TO MEET THEIR VIEWS. THEY SAID THAT THIS TEXT PROVIDES AN EXCELLENT BASIS FOR AGREEMENT AND SEE NO SERIOUS PROBLEM.

2. MININT AND FONOFF REPS BOTH NOTED OMISSION OF "INJURIES" FROM US COMPROMISE TEXT, AN ADDITION WHICH FRG HAD DECIDED TO REQUEST AFTER INTER-MINISTERIAL COORDINATION MEETING OF OCTOBER 18. FRG REPS SUGGESTED EMBASSY AGAIN CALL THIS DESIRED ADDITION TO ATTENTION OF USG. IN THEIR VIEW, A COMMITMENT TO REDUCE BOTH "TRAFFIC DEATHS AND INJURIES" WOULD STRENGTHEN COMPROMISE TEXT BY US.

3. MININT REP (KUPFER) BELIEVED THAT COMMITMENT COULD ALSO BE MADE STRONGER BY DELETING REFERENCE TO FIVE-YEAR PERIOD DURING WHICH ONLY "INCREASES" IN TRAFFIC DEATHS WERE TO BE PREVENTED. HE COMMENTED THAT NEW SPEED LIMITS IN FRG HAD ALREADY BEGUN TO REDUCE NUMBER OF DEATHS, A PROCESS CERTAIN TO CONTINUE IN MOST OF NATO NATIONS. KUPFER SUGGESTED FOLLOWING TEXT:
QUOTE (1) DO HEREBY RESOLVE, AS A COMMON GOAL, TO USE THEIR BEST EFFORT TO PREVENT ANY INCREASE IN THE ANNUAL NUMBER OF TRAFFIC DEATHS AND INJURIES FOR EACH CLASS OF ROAD USER ON THEIR ROAD NETWORKS AND, MOREOVER, TO REDUCE SUCH NUMBER PROGRESSIVELY. END QUOTE

4. TRANSPORT MINISTRY REP (BONK) WAS NOT AVAILABLE. BOTH FONOFF AND MIN INT REPS AGREED HE WOULD SHARE THEIR VIEWS. WE DID, HOWEVER, TRANSMIT THE US PROPOSED TEXT TO FMT DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY HELDMANN. HIS OFFICE CALLED BACK TO TELL US THAT THE COMPROMISE PARA 1 WAS ENTIRELY SATISFACTORY FROM THE FMT'S VIEWPOINT.

5. COMMENT: COMPROMISE WORDING FOR PARA 1 OF THE RESOLUTION WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE THE SUBJECT OF FURTHER INTER-MINISTERIAL DISCUSSION. MININT REP ANTICIPATES EXCHANGING VIEWS REMAINING DRAFTING DETAILS WITH US REPS AT BRUSSELS BEFORE RESOLUTION IS TABLED.

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